**Caroling in the Community**

One school goes to a local museum, nursing homes, coffee shops, and community holiday events to sing Christmas carols in French.

**September**

**🞏 Contact your choir teacher and/or local businesses/museums/Chamber of Commerce.**

If your school’s choir already does caroling, ask your choir teacher if you and your French students can join them to sing a few songs in French. If they do not, contact nursing homes, coffee shops, etc. to see if they will allow you to carol during the holiday season. Some cities may have a holiday parade or tree lighting ceremony, usually contacting the Chamber of Commerce is the best place to start to find the correct contact person for these events.

If a specific event is not planned, have some ideas of a day and time after school or on a Saturday that you could get students assembled to perform.

**Early November**

**🞏 Start teaching the carols.**

Be careful about teaching carols during class time. Even seasonal songs, like *Vive le Vent* or *Au Royaume du Bonhomme Hiver* can make some students feel uncomfortable due to religious reasons. This school held 15 minutes practices before school every day for 3 weeks to learn 10 songs.

**🞏 Send home permission slips and arrange bus transportation (if necessary)**

This particular school just had the students meet at the location on a Saturday and then carpool from place to place.

**Late November/December**

**🞏 Go caroling.**

**After the event, but before Winter Break**

**🞏 Have students write/send a thank you to the locations where you carolled.**